

Western Front



Obama, Hollande Pledge Solidarity Against IS

President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande participate in a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. Hollande's visit to Washington is part of a diplomatic offensive to get the international community to bolster the campaign against the Islamic State militants.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a show of Western solidarity, President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande vowed Tues-

day to escalate airstrikes against the Islamic State and bolster intelligence sharing following the attacks in Paris. They called on Russia to join the international efforts, but only if

Moscow ends its support for Syria's embattled president. "Russia is the outlier," Obama said during a news conference with Hollande.

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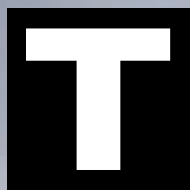
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Obama and Hollande pledge solidarity against Islamic State



President Barack Obama meets with President Francois Hollande of France in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. Hollande's visit to Washington is part of a diplomatic offensive to get the international community to bolster the campaign against the Islamic State militants.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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Tuesday's meeting came hours after Turkey shot down a Russian warplane near the Syrian border. The incident underscored the complex military landscape in Syria, where a sprawling cast of countries and rebel groups are engaged on the battlefield and in the skies overhead, sometimes with minimal coordination.

Obama said Russian cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State would be "enormously helpful." But he insisted a partnership is impossible as long as Russia stands by Syrian President Bashar Assad, who is blamed by the U.S. for plunging his country into chaos and creating the vacuum that allowed the Islamic State to strengthen. "We hope that they refocus their attention on what is the most substantial threat, and that they serve as a constructive partner," Obama said of Russia.

Hollande concurred, saying France wants to work alongside Russia, but only if President Vladimir Putin "fully commits" to supporting a political transition in Syria.

Hollande's alignment with Obama was notable, giv-

en that he was expected to urge the U.S. president to put aside some of his differences with Russia to build a new coalition to fight the extremists. But Hollande's mission quickly became entangled with the fallout from the downed Russian military plane.

Obama cautioned that information about the incident was still emerging. However, he did say that Turkey had a "right to defend its territory and its airspace."

Even before the incident between Turkey and Russia, Hollande faced a tough challenge in getting Obama to agree to a partnership with Moscow. The White House is deeply skeptical of Putin's motivations, given his long-standing support for Assad, and has accused Putin of bombing rebels fighting the Syrian leader instead of targeting the Islamic State. Hollande will meet with Putin Thursday in Russia, part of his diplomatic effort to build support for an intensified campaign against IS. The terror group is blamed for the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that killed 130 people and wounded hundreds more at restaurants, a concert venue and outside a soccer stadium.

The attacks in the heart of

Europe sparked fears of terrorism in the U.S., as well as an outpouring of solidarity with the French.

Obama spoke warmly of America's affection for France, noting that he keeps a photograph by his bed of his wife Michelle and him kissing in the city's Luxembourg Gardens.

Hollande welcomed the U.S. show of unity, but suggested he was more interested in concrete actions than kind words.

"The Paris attacks generated a lot of emotions," he said through an interpreter. "But that's not enough. We must act."

Obama and Hollande pledged to increase airstrikes against extremist targets, take back Islamic State-controlled territory in Iraq and Syria, and focus

more on disrupting the terrorists' financial networks. However, Hollande joined Obama in refusing to intervene militarily on the ground in Iraq and Syria, saying that is a role for local forces.

Shortly after their meeting, a French official in Washington said French warplanes had struck an Islamic State command center located west of the Iraqi city of Mosul.

The U.S. has deployed more than 3,000 troops to Iraq to train and assist security forces there. Efforts to train and equip moderate rebel groups in Syria have struggled, and Obama has authorized the deployment of 50 special operations forces to jumpstart the program. □

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Former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, wave to supporters in Des Moines, Iowa. Clinton wants voters to know she is no friend of Wall Street. She and husband have made \$35 million from 164 paid speeches to financial services, real estate and insurance companies since leaving the White House in 2001.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary

Rodham Clinton wants U.S. voters to know she is no friend of Wall Street. But Wall Street has frequently been a friend to her.

In the 18 months prior to announcing her second campaign for president, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination addressed private equity investors in California, delivered remarks to bankers in Hilton Head, South Carolina and spoke to brokers at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida.

Her efforts capped a nearly 15-year period in which Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, made at least \$35 million by giving 164 speeches to financial services, real estate and insurance companies after leaving the White House in 2001, according to an Associated Press analysis of public disclosure forms and records released by her campaign. The long and lucrative relationship between the Clinton family and the nation's finance industry has emerged as a key issue in her Democratic primary race. Her rivals, including Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, accuse her of being too cozy with Wall Street and the industry she once represented as a senator from New York.

Her backers at financial firms say they have little expectation her family's personal profits will influence her policymaking, noting their own opposition to her plan to raise taxes on the hedge fund and private equity profits known as carried interest.

"She and Bill were both government servants all of their life and there was a set period of time when they could make money," venture capitalist Alan Patricof, a longtime Clinton fundraiser, said of the Clintons' paid speechmaking. "She had to maximize her earning potential."

The Clinton campaign also points to her record, saying it shows a history of working to regulate the indus-

try. Negative ads run by a group called Future 45, a super political action committee backed by six-figure checks from hedge fund managers, demonstrate that Wall Street expects her to follow through on her proposals, aides said.

"Any honest look at Hillary Clinton's record shows she spoke out early and often against Wall Street's excesses in the run-up to the financial crisis," said campaign spokesman Brian Fallon. "It's clear they believe she will take action as president to crack down on the industry's abuses."

The bulk of the Clintons' paid speeches to the financial industry came after the 2008 economic crash. From 2009 to 2014, the couple made \$26 million from 109 appearances sponsored by banks, insurance companies, hedge funds, private equity firms and real estate businesses, and at those industries' conferences and before their trade organizations.

With Hillary Clinton serving as secretary of state for most of that period, her husband brought in the bulk of the funds, earning nearly \$17 million. That included \$250,000 Bill Clinton made for mingling with investment managers in New York on May 12 — thirty days after Hillary Clinton released a video announcing her second bid for the White House.

What the Clintons said in their speeches is hard to find. Although many of the remarks were given to large groups, any broadcast or transcription was typically barred — along with the press. Still, some details have trickled out. Sometimes the subject was foreign affairs. Sometimes it was more personal. "It's so important for women like us to get out of our comfort zones and be willing to fail. I've done that, too, on a very large stage," she said, according to a report in the real estate blog The Real Deal, which attended her October 2014 speech to the annual convention of the Commercial Real Estate Women Network in Miami Beach. □

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Chicago: Officer charged with murder in killing of black teen



Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke, accused of fatally shooting a black teenager, arrives at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse in Chicago on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. Van Dyke was charged with first degree murder in the killing of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

(Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune via AP)

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CHICAGO (AP) — A white Chicago police officer who shot a black teenager 16 times was charged with first-degree murder Tuesday, a day before the deadline a judge set for the city to release a squad-car video of the killing that officials fear will spark unrest. A judge denied Officer Jason Van Dyke bond at a noon hearing. About an hour later, State's Attorney Anita Alvarez held a news conference where she defended the amount of time it took to charge the officer in the Oct. 20, 2014, killing of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

City officials and community leaders have been bracing for the release of the video, fearing an outbreak of unrest and demonstrations similar to those that occurred in cities including Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, after young black men were slain by police or died in police custody. The judge who ordered the dash-cam recording to be released said it must be put out by Wednesday after city officials had argued for months it couldn't be made public until the conclusion of several investigations.

Alvarez said Tuesday that cases involving police officers present "highly com-

plex" legal issues and she would rather take the time to get it right than "rush to judgment." She said the impending release of the video prompted her to move up the announcement of the charge out of concern the footage would spark violence.

"It is graphic. It is violent. It is chilling," she said of the video. "To watch a 17-year-old young man die in such a violent manner is deeply disturbing. I have absolutely no doubt that this video will tear at the hearts of all Chicagoans."

But she insisted that she made a decision "weeks ago" to charge the officer and the video's ordered release did not influence that.

Some community leaders said there was no doubt that Alvarez only brought charges because of the order to release the video.

"This is a panicky reaction to an institutional crisis within the criminal justice system," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said he hoped to see "massive" but peaceful demonstrations.

The city's hurried attempts to defuse tensions also included a community meeting, official statements of outrage at the officer's conduct and an abrupt announcement Monday night that another officer who's been the subject of

protests for months might now be fired.

Activists and journalists have long pressed for the video's release only to be told that it had to be kept private as long as the shooting was under investigation.

After the judge's order to release it, the investigation was quickly wrapped up and a charge announced. "You had this tape for a year and you are only talking to us now because you need our help keeping things calm," the Rev. Corey Brooks said of Monday night's community gathering with Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Several people who have seen the video say it shows the teenager armed with

a small knife and walking away from several officers. They say Van Dyke opened fire from about 15 feet and kept shooting after the teen fell to the ground. An autopsy report says McDonald was shot at least twice in his back. It also said PCP, a hallucinogenic drug, was found in the teen's system. Police were responding to complaints about someone breaking into cars and stealing radios.

Van Dyke was the only officer of the several who were on the scene to open fire.

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Long-awaited transmission request boosts regional energy

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Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Companies designing projects to bring clean electricity to southern New England say they're grateful Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island have finally made a request for

proposals to carry that power to the region. But meeting the region's longer-term goal of expanding the use of renewable electricity from wind, solar and hydro-electricity will require more transmission capacity than the states requested, said Ed-

ward Krapels, the CEO of Anbaric Transmission, which is proposing one project in Maine and another Vermont. "Having several states work together is just very constructive and allows larger scale renewable projects to get built, and

we like that," Krapels said Tuesday. The southern New England states are looking for clean renewable energy as part of a broader effort to reduce electricity costs and provide reliable sources of power as other aging power plants go offline. The region's gover-

nors committed to working together in 2013. "The aggressive carbon reduction targets that all of the states have really committed to does require a super-regional perspective," said Marc Montalvo, the president of Daymark Energy Advisers of Boston. □

APNewsBreak: Emails reveal Coke's role in anti-obesity group

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A nonprofit founded to combat obesity says the \$1.5 million it received from Coke has no influence on its work. But emails obtained by The Associated Press show the world's largest beverage maker was instrumental in shaping the Global Energy Balance Network, which is led by a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Coke helped pick the group's leaders, edited its mission statement and suggested articles and videos for its website. In an email last November, the group's president tells a top Coke executive: "I want to help your company avoid the image of being a problem in peoples'

lives and back to being a company that brings im-

portant and fun things to them." would "quickly establish itself as the place the media

want to tax or limit foods they deem unhealthy. When contacted by the AP about the emails, Coca-Cola Co. CEO Muhtar Kent said in a statement that "it has become clear to us that there was not a sufficient level of transparency with regard to the company's involvement with the Global Energy Balance Network." "Clearly, we have more work to do to reflect the values of this great company in all that we do," Kent said. The Atlanta-based company told the AP it has accepted the retirement of its chief health and science officer, Rhona Applebaum, who initially managed the relationship with the group. It said it will not fill the position as it over-

hauls how it goes about its health efforts. It also said it has stopped working with the Global Energy Balance Network. It's just the latest example of Coke working with outside experts to promote messages that benefit the company. Coke has long maintained that the academics and other experts it works with espouse their own views. But the collaborations can be fraught and blur the lines between advertisements and genuine advice. In February, several health and fitness experts paid by the company wrote online posts with tips on healthy habits. Each suggested a mini-soda as a snack idea. One dietitian wrote five such posts in less than a year. □



Cans of Coca-Cola and Diet Coke sit in a cooler in Anne's Deli in Portland, Ore. A nonprofit founded to combat obesity says the \$1.5 million it received from Coke has no influence on its work. But emails obtained by AP show the world's largest beverage maker was instrumental in shaping the Global Energy Balance Network. (AP Photo/File)

Coke executives had similarly high hopes. A proposal circulated via email at the company laid out a vision for a group that

goes to for comment on any obesity issue." It said the group would use social media and run a political-style campaign to counter the "shrill rhetoric" of "public health extremists" who

Michigan, Fiat Chrysler reach deal on business tax credits

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LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Fiat Chrysler will have to spend an additional \$1 billion on Michigan facilities over 15 years to qualify for \$1.9 billion in business tax credits under an agreement approved Tuesday by the state's economic development board. The deal, the second with a Detroit Three automaker this year, is designed to help Michi-

gan get a better handle on billions in tax incentives given to keep auto jobs in the state, primarily during the economic downturn. The redemption of higher-than-expected credits led to mid-budget year spending cuts in February. The agreement amends a 2010 deal between what was then Chrysler Group LLC (now FCA US LLC) and the former Michigan Economic Growth Authority.

The carmaker at the time was offered what was projected to be \$1.3 billion in tax credits through 2031 for a maximum of 20,000 retained jobs in the state. The credits are worth more, though — nearly \$2 billion — because of higher wages and other factors. The new deal caps Fiat Chrysler's maximum credits at \$1.93 billion through 2029 and gradually increases the number of retained jobs

the company can claim to 27,000. It also set annual limits on the tax credit value that may be claimed in a given year. In a statement, FCA said the revised agreement provides greater economic certainty for all parties. The Michigan Strategic Fund board approved a similar deal with Ford Motor Co. in June, capping the total value of the auto company's credits at \$2.3 billion.

Board President and Chairman Steve Arwood, who also is CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., told reporters he is hopeful that an agreement will be struck with General Motors in December. "They're both excellent deals for the state in terms of knowing the liability, the transparency, the additional capital investment," he said of the Fiat Chrysler and Ford agreements. □



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US Financial Front:

Home prices jump in September by most in more than a year



A "sold" sign is posted outside a Harbor Beach neighborhood home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. U.S. home prices rose in September from a year earlier at the fastest pace in 13 months as a lack of houses for sale has forced buyers to bid up available properties, according to Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index released Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices rose in September from a year earlier at the fastest pace in 13 months as a lack of houses for sale has forced buyers to bid up available properties.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index, released Tuesday, increased 5.5 percent in September compared with a year ago, the largest annual gain since August 2014.

Steady job gains and low mortgage rates have propelled a solid rebound in home sales, which are on track to reach the highest level since 2007. The unemployment rate fell to 5 percent in October as employers added the most jobs since December. Borrowing costs have ticked up but remain below 4 percent, a low level historically.

San Francisco reported the largest annual home price increase, at 11.2 percent, followed by Denver at 10.9 percent. Portland had the third largest gain, at 10.1 percent. All 20 cities surveyed reported higher prices than a year earlier.

On a monthly basis, prices rose 0.2 percent in September from August. Prices rose in seventeen of 20 cities from the previous month. They fell in Chicago, Cleveland and Washington, D.C.

Sales of existing homes, while improving, have been volatile this year. They slipped in October after a healthy jump the previous month, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Overall, home sales have increased 3.9 percent in the past 12 months. At the same time, the number of available homes has fallen 4.5 percent.

That squeeze has pushed up prices. The typical home sold for \$219,600 last month, up nearly 6 percent from a year ago, the Realtors group said Monday. That is the highest median price for the month of October since October 2005, at the height of the housing bubble.

Home prices are rising at more than double the pace of inflation and much faster than wages, pricing many Americans out of the housing market. That has also pushed up rents as Americans increasingly stay in apartments.

Still, home prices are rising at a much slower pace than the double-digit gains seen in most of 2013.

David Blitzler, chairman of the S&P Dow Jones Index Committee, said that the higher prices aren't out of line with rising rents. That's a change from the housing bubble, when home prices soared much higher than rental costs.

Several factors are likely holding back the supply of available homes. Many Americans still don't have much housing equity and as a result would profit little from a sale. That may be delaying them from listing their homes.

In addition, the average rate for a 30-year mortgage has picked up in the past three years. It is currently almost 4 percent, which is still low. But millions of Americans have

refinanced their mortgages at much lower rates and may be reluctant to trade up to a new home because doing so would require taking on a higher mortgage rate.

Developers are also building homes at a historically modest pace. Construction of single-family homes dropped 2.4 percent in October compared to the previous month, the Commerce Department said last week.

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The September figures are the latest available. □

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Putin denounces Turkish military's downing of Russian jet

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MOSCOW (AP) — Turkey

tween Russia and NATO. Russian President Vladimir Putin denounced what he called a "stab in the back"

The incident highlighted the chaotic complexity of Syria's civil war, where multiple groups with clash-

tegrity of our NATO ally, Turkey," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told a news conference after the meeting of the alliance's decision-making North Atlantic Council, called at Turkey's request. The pilots of the downed Su-24 ejected, but one was killed by Syrian rebel fire from the ground as he parachuted to Earth, said the Russian general staff, insisting the Russian jet had been in Syrian airspace at the time. One of two helicopters sent to the crash site to search for survivors was also hit by rebel fire, killing one serviceman and forcing the chopper to make an emergency landing, the military said. Stoltenberg urged "calm and de-escalation" and renewed contacts between Moscow and Ankara. Russia has long been at odds with NATO, which it accuses of encroaching on Russia's borders, as well as with Turkey's determination to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad, a longtime Moscow ally. In Washington, President Barack Obama said Turkey "has a right to defend its territory and its air-

space." At a news conference with French President Francois Hollande, he said the incident underscored the "ongoing problem" with Russia's military operations in Syria, where the Russians have been targeting groups near the Turkish border. Calling Russia an "outlier" in the global fight against the Islamic State group, Obama said that if Moscow were to concentrate its airstrikes on IS targets, mistakes "would be less likely to occur." On Sept. 30, Russia began a campaign of massive airstrikes in Syria, which it says are aimed at destroying fighters of the Islamic State group but which Western critics contend are bolstering Assad's forces. Before Tuesday's incident, Russia and the West appeared to be moving toward an understanding of their common strategic goal of eradicating IS, which gained momentum after the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris, as well as the Oct. 31 bombing of a Russian airliner over Egypt's Sinai desert. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for both attacks. □



A woman holds a poster as she pickets the Turkish Embassy in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday has called Turkey's decision to down a Russian jet near the Syria border a "stab in the back." The poster reads: 'The pilots that were shot down, were fighting with terrorists, to save your and our civilians.'

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

shot down a Russian warplane on Tuesday that it said ignored repeated warnings and crossed into its airspace from Syria, killing at least one of the two pilots in a long-feared escalation in tensions be-

and warned of "significant consequences." The shoot down — the first time in half a century that a NATO member has downed a Russian plane — prompted an emergency meeting of the alliance.

ing alliances are fighting on the ground and the sky is crowded with aircraft bombing various targets. "As we have repeatedly made clear we stand in solidarity with Turkey and support the territorial in-

Tunisia declares state of emergency after bus blast kills 12

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Associated Press

Tunisia's president declared a 30-day state of emergency across the country and imposed an overnight curfew for the capital after an explosion Tuesday struck a bus carrying members of the presidential guard, killing at least 12 people and wounding 20 others. The government described

it as a terrorist attack. The blast on a tree-lined avenue in the heart of Tunis is a new blow to a country that is seen as a model for the region but has struggled against Islamic extremist violence. Radical gunmen staged two attacks earlier this year that killed 60 people, devastated the tourism industry and rattled this young democracy. No one immediately claimed responsibility for

the attack against the presidential guard, an elite security force that protects only the president. President Beji Caid Essebsi, who wasn't in the bus at the time, declared the state of emergency and curfew on the Tunis region. He convened an emergency meeting of his security council for Wednesday morning. Speaking on national television, he said Tunisia is at "war against ter-

rorism" and urged international cooperation against extremists who have killed hundreds around Europe and the Mideast in recent weeks, from Paris to Beirut to a Russian plane shot down over Egypt. "I want to reassure the Tunisian people that we will vanquish terrorism," he said. Police fanned out throughout central Tunis after Tuesday's explosion, and ambulances rushed to the

scene, evacuating wounded and dead. Top government ministers visited the scene of the attack after it was cordoned off by police. Interior Ministry spokesman Walid Louguini told The Associated Press that at least 12 were killed and 20 wounded in the attack. Witness Bassem Trifi, a human rights lawyer, said the explosion hit the driver's side of the bus, describing a "catastrophic" scene. □



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Official: Paris attacks organizer was planning more carnage



This undated photograph provided by Belgian Federal Police shows Mohamed Abrini who is wanted by police in connection with recent attacks in Paris, as a police investigation continues on Tuesday Nov. 24, 2015. Authorities are looking for Abrini because he was seen with fugitive Salah Abdeslam at a gasoline station in Ressons on the highway to Paris two days before the attacks. (Belgian Federal Police via AP)

**S. PETREQUIN
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Associated Press
PARIS (AP)** — The man believed to have planned the Nov. 13 Paris attacks that killed 130 people and wounded hundreds more had likely planned to carry out another suicide bombing days later in the French capital's business district, the Paris prosecutor said Tuesday.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud and an accomplice are believed to have been planning to attack La Defense on Nov. 18 or 19, Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said.

Abaaoud was among three people killed during a police raid on an apartment in a northern Paris suburb in the early hours of Nov. 18. His female cousin, Hasna Ait Boulahcen, died of asphyxia apparently from the explosive vest detonated by a third person, who hasn't been identified,

the prosecutor said. The explosion led to part of the apartment collapsing. Molins said the unidentified third person is believed to have been the accomplice with whom Abaaoud would have carried out an attack on La Defense, the high-rise district that is headquarters to major companies on the western edge of Paris.

The prosecutor said he "can't be, and doesn't want to be more precise" on the details suggesting such an attack had been planned. Information obtained on Nov. 19 suggested "that the two attackers — Abaaoud and the man we found by his side in the apartment — were planning an attack consisting of blowing themselves up at La Defense either on Wednesday the 18th or Thursday the 19th," Molins said.

The Nov. 13 attacks in Paris, claimed by the Islamic

State group, targeted people enjoying a Friday night out at a packed concert hall, a restaurant terrace, a cafe and a friendly soccer match between France and Germany. In the hours after the killings, Abaaoud is believed to have returned to the sites of at least some of the attacks, including the Bataclan concert hall, even while special police forces were still there.

"The geolocalization of Abdelhamid Abaaoud's alleged phone between 22:28 p.m. and 0:28 confirms a presence in the 12th, 11th, and 10th districts, and notably near the Bataclan concert hall," Molins said. "This allows us to think that Abdelhamid Abaaoud returns to the crime scenes following the attacks on terraces of the cafes and restaurants of the 10th and 11th districts while (special

police) were still taking action at the Bataclan." On Tuesday, a judge also handed down terrorism-related charges to Jawad Bendaoud, the only person so far in France known to be facing such charges directly linked to the Nov. 13 attacks. He was charged with criminal association and detention of incendiary or explosive substances linked to a terrorist enterprise. □



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New settlement spat emerges as Kerry visits Israel



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry makes impromptu remarks to members of the media after meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin, Pool)

**BRADLEY KLAPPER
Associated Press**

JERUSALEM (AP) — A new spat emerged between the Israeli government and Washington over Jewish settlements on Tuesday, as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry visited Israel and the West Bank for the first time in more than a year.

As Kerry set aside his goal of a long-sought peace accord to make way for more modest hopes of an end

to two months of deadly violence, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for the recognition of some existing settlement blocs in exchange for steps to ease tensions with the Palestinians.

In Washington, the State Department quickly rejected any suggestion the U.S. would alter its longstanding opposition to settlements or recognize them as legitimate outside of a peace

agreement.

There were no signs that Kerry made headway in easing tensions during his meetings with Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. As Kerry's plane touched down, a Palestinian motorist rammed his vehicle into a group of Israeli soldiers, wounding three, before the attacker was shot and wounded, the Israeli military said. It was the latest

in a spate of violence that has sunk the chances of a renewed peace push during the Obama administration's final year.

Kerry, whose nine-month peace mediation between the parties collapsed in April 2014, reiterated the American goal of establishing an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. But he made no mention of reviving peace talks.

Alongside Netanyahu, Kerry noted Israel's obligation to defend itself from "attacks in the streets with knives, with scissors, with cars." When he met Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, he said the shootings and stabbings were a "challenge to all civilized people."

None of the leaders themselves offered any encouragement that peace might be possible right now.

"There can be no peace when we have an onslaught of terror, not here, not anywhere else," Netanyahu said.

The current spike in violence erupted in mid-September over tensions surrounding a sensitive Jerusalem holy site and quickly spread across Israel and into the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Nineteen Israelis have been killed, mostly in stabbings.

Israeli fire has killed 89 Palestinians. Israel says 57 of these were attackers, while the rest died in clashes with security forces.

In addition, Ezra Schwartz, an 18-year-old from Kerry's home state of Massachusetts, was killed in a West Bank shooting last week. Kerry mentioned Schwartz twice by name.

The larger vision of a two-state solution has been the centerpiece of American foreign policy in the Middle East for decades. Given the level of violence, Kerry acknowledged ahead of his trip that ambitions would be scaled back, saying he would be seeking steps "that could calm things down a bit."

Israel says the outburst of violence is the result of incitement by Palestinian political and religious leaders. The Palestinians say it is the result of nearly half a century of Israeli occupation and frustration over repeated failures in peace efforts and a lack of hope for gaining independence. An Israeli official said Netanyahu complained to Kerry about alleged Palestinian incitement and said any confidence-building gestures for the Palestinians would first require calm. □

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Central American officials meet on Cuban migrant problem

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Central American officials met with their counterparts from Ecuador, Colombia and Cuba Tuesday to deal with the problem of thousands of Cuban migrants stranded in Costa Rica.

The migrants have started using an overland route to reach the United States by traveling to Ecuador, then through Central America and Mexico.

That has sparked tensions in Central America, with Nicaragua accusing its southern neighbor Costa Rica Tuesday of "unleashing an invasion of illegal Cuban migrants" on Nicaragua. "Our governments do not have the resources to deal with this new threat to our national security,"

the Nicaraguan government said in a statement, suggesting that the wave could facilitate terrorism or migrants from other countries. The statement also criticized the Cold-War era U.S. policies that allow the Cubans special status as migrants. Nicaragua's leftist government has warm ties with Cuba.

On Nov. 13 Costa Rica allowed Cubans to transit the country to Nicaragua. Nicaragua dispatched soldiers to the border to block the Cubans' passage, setting off minor clashes at the Penas Blancas crossing on Nov. 15.

The dispute has left some 2,000 Cubans stranded in shelters in Guanacaste province on the Nicaraguan border. □



Cuban migrants line up for breakfast given to them by an evangelical church, outside of the border control building in Penas Blancas, Costa Rica, on the border with Nicaragua. Central American officials met with their counterparts from Ecuador, Colombia and Cuba Tuesday to deal with the problem of thousands of Cuban migrants stranded in Costa Rica.

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Official: Moise, Celestin top 2 finalists in Haiti election



Protesters hold election posters promoting presidential candidates during a march against the preliminary results from the Oct. 25 presidential election in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The presidential runoff election is set for Dec. 27.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

EVENS SANON
Associated Press
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— The top two finishers in Haiti's first-round presidential election are government-backed candidate Jovenel Moise and former state construction chief Jude Celestin, officials said

Tuesday. They are scheduled to compete in a runoff vote on Dec. 27. Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council said Moise received 33 percent of the vote and Celestin received 25 percent. The announcement by the nine-member council set

off a new wave of protests in Cabaret, where supporters of Moise Jean-Charles, one of the leading candidates from a field of 54, denounced the results. Protesters also began gathering in the nearby capital of Port-au-Prince.

A reporter with Zenith radio station who was at the protest said one person was injured after apparently being shot by police. Pierre-Louis Opont, president of the Electoral Council, urged people to remain calm.

Last week, thousands of Haitians demanded that the Oct. 25 first-round presidential election be annulled during a violent protest that left at last one person dead.

The party of President Michel Martelly has dismissed accusations that it manipulated the voting or ballot count. □



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the name of the Minister of Tourism as tokens of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 and 20-to-34 consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Charles and Mrs. Lorraine Weinberger of Pennsylvania, Mr. Walter and Mrs. Sharon Formus of New Jersey, Mrs. Dorothy Kuhs of Massachusetts, and Lane, Vince, and Chase Hull of Ontario, Canada.

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A mixed message in Ryder Cup qualifying

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP GOLF WRITER

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga.
(AP) -- Davis Love III wore more than one hat at Sea Island, and sometimes he couldn't switch them fast enough.

Love is the Ryder Cup captain, and he was part of the task force that decided Americans who competed in the fall start to the PGA Tour season should not get any Ryder Cup points. Love also is the tournament host of the RSM Classic, the final event of the fall.

Love's playing partner the first two rounds - not to mention his house guest for the week - was Justin Thomas. He won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia and missed the playoff by one shot at the Frys.com Open, a field that included four players from the last Ryder Cup.

Thomas remains No. 33 in the Ryder Cup standings. If points had been awarded in the fall - when several top golfers only play sparingly - he would be No. 6.

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MILESTONE

LeBron James joins Oscar Robertson on elite NBA list

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Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) shoots over Orlando Magic's Aaron Gordon (00) in the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, in Cleveland.
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Lundqvist makes 31 saves, Rangers blank Predators 3-0

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist made 31 saves in his second shut-out of the season as the New York Rangers beat the Nashville Predators 3-0 Monday for their ninth straight victory at home. Rick Nash, Derek Stepan and Kevin Hayes scored for the Rangers, who won for the 11th time in 12 games overall and improved to 16-3-2. New York's 34 points are tied with Dallas and Montreal for most in the NHL.

The shutout was the 57th in regular-season play for Lundqvist and his second against Nashville. The previous time the Rangers won nine in a row at Madison Square Gar-



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist (30) blocks a shot by the Nashville Predators as center Jarret Stoll (26) helps defend during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, in New York.
Associated Press

den was during the 1971-72 season.

Pekka Rinne made 19 saves for the Predators,

who fell to 11-6-3 with their third straight shutout loss. Nashville hasn't scored in a franchise-record 213 minutes, 47 seconds.

KINGS 3, PANTHERS 1
SUNRISE, Florida (AP) — Jonathan Quick bounced back from a poor performance and Alec Martinez scored the go-ahead goal late in the second period to lift Los Angeles over Florida.

Marian Gaborik and Tyler Toffoli also scored for the Kings, and Quick stopped 31 shots. The star goalie was back in net after being pulled when he gave up four goals on 21 shots through two periods Sunday at Carolina.

Aleksander Barkov scored for the Panthers. Roberto

Luongo stopped 21 shots after replacing injured Al Montoya, who exited at 11:22 of the first after taking a hit to the shoulder and head by the Kings' Nick Shore while diving to cover the puck.

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TORONTO (AP) — David Krejci scored the only goal in a shootout and Patrice Bergeron extended his point streak to eight games as Boston beat Toronto to sweep a home-and-home series.

Brad Marchand scored twice and Zac Rinaldo also had a goal in regulation for the Bruins, who defeated Toronto 2-0 in Boston on Saturday.

Joffrey Lupul, Leo Komarov and Tyler Bozak scored for the Maple Leafs.

Tuukka Rask made 39 saves for the win. James Reimer stopped 26 shots for the Maple Leafs.

BLUES 2, SABRES 1
BUFFALO, New York (AP) — Troy Brouwer and Robby Fabbri scored third-period goals that pushed St. Louis past Buffalo.

Jake Allen made 24 saves in the win, the Blues' second against Buffalo in the last week. Fabbri was credited with the go-ahead goal when Josh Gorges inadvertently put a rebound into his own net.

David Legwand scored for the Sabres, winless in their last five games. Buffalo missed two good chances to double its lead early in the third, including when Brian Gionta put an in-close shot off the crossbar. **FLYERS 3, HURRICANES 2, OT**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rookie defenseman Shayne Gostisbehere scored 24 seconds into overtime on a power play to give Philadelphia a victory over Carolina.

Brayden Schenn and Claude Giroux had goals in regulation for the Flyers, who snapped a scoreless drought that reached nearly 3 hours while earning just their third win in 14 games. □



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Ryder Cup

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Love handed out the RSM Classic trophy to Kevin Kisner, who broke the tournament scoring record by four shots with his six-shot victory.



Davis Love III, right, watches his drive from the second tee, while his son Davis Love IV, left, looks on during the first round at the RSM Classic golf tournament, Thursday, Nov 19, 2015, in St. Simons Island, Ga. Associated Press

Kisner is on the verge of becoming a force in American golf, having built an efficient swing under John Tillery to go along with an already stout short game. He was No. 236 going into the year and - thanks to four runner-up finishes and his victory at Sea Island - he now is No. 17.

He would be No. 3 in the Ryder Cup if the fall had counted. He remains at No. 6, one spot behind Phil Mickelson.

Along with wearing different hats, Love had to change shirts to a Ryder Cup logo when he announced three more vice captains for the 2016 matches at Hazeltine. It was during that press conference that Love was

asked if he was comfortable that no Ryder Cup points were awarded in the fall.

"It's tough for me to answer that question at the RSM Classic," Love said with a smile.

At least he didn't duck it. Love must have been in an awkward spot at those task

always give them credit for it. Justin Thomas winning in Malaysia was noticed, obviously. Got him an extra pillow on his bed this week. So I will take notice of how guys are playing."

Kisner is a straight shooter with Southern drollness.

"I definitely want to be on the Ryder Cup," he said.

"And to be able to play for Davis would be huge for me after winning here. Obviously, I didn't get any points here. But if I continue playing the way I am now, I hope to be on that team." Does it even matter that points were not awarded? Only two winners from the fall of 2013 qualified for the

U.S. team - Jimmy Walker and Dustin Johnson - and they would have made it without those points. Besides, the Americans are as deep as Europe was a decade ago. They probably could field two teams of equal strength (and, given recent history, Europe would beat either one). □



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NBA Capsules

LeBron joins Big O on elite list, leads Cavs past Magic

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James joined Oscar Robertson on an exclusive NBA list and Kevin Love scored a season-high 34 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers remained unbeaten at home with a 117-103 win over the

Orlando Magic on Monday. James had 15 points and 13 assists and joined Robertson, the legendary "Big O," as the only players in league history to rank in the top 25 in career points and assists.

With his fifth assist, James

moved past Norm Nixon (6,386) into 25th place and moved alongside Robertson, who finished his Hall of Fame career with 26,710 points and 9,887 assists. James will soon eclipse Robertson's scoring total and the unselfish superstar



Cleveland Cavaliers' Kevin Love, right, shoots over Orlando Magic's Tobias Harris in the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, in Cleveland.

Associated Press

is a good bet to pass the guard on the assist list as well. Love scored 27 in the first half for the Cavs, now 8-0 at home and an Eastern Conference-leading 11-3. Andrew Nicholson scored 18 and Evan Fournier had 13 points for the Magic. Orlando has dropped 11 straight to Cleveland.

THUNDER 111, JAZZ 89

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant had 27 points and six rebounds in his return from a hamstring injury. Durant was 10 for 13 from the field in his first game since he got hurt Nov. 10 at Washington. Russell Westbrook narrowly missed his third triple-double of the season with 20 points, seven rebounds and nine assists.

The Thunder ran away with the game in the second quarter, outscoring the Jazz 40-26 and shooting 14 for 19 from the field. Gordon Hayward led the

Jazz with 19 points. Derrick Favors had 11 points, seven rebounds and two blocks, and Rudy Gobert finished with 10 points.

HEAT 95, KNICKS 78

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh each scored 16 points as Miami ended New York's four-game winning streak. Goran Dragic had 13 points and nine assists for the Heat, who went on a 36-8 run in the first half. Tyler Johnson scored 12, and Hassan Whiteside had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Miami would eventually lead by as many as 26, both its biggest advantage and the Knicks' biggest deficit so far this season. The Knicks hadn't even trailed by double figures in any of their last eight games.

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for New York, which has lost 13 of its last 16 games in Miami. Rookie Kristaps Porzingis had 20 points and 14 rebounds. □


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Patriots improve to 10-0, beat Bills 20-13

JIMMY GOLEN

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

(AP) — Tom Brady called out Rex Ryan and then he beat the Bills — again.

After shouting the name of the Buffalo coach as an audible, Brady led New England to a 20-13 victory over the Bills on Monday night and kept the defending Super Bowl champions on course for their second perfect regular season in nine years. Brady completed 20 of 39 passes for 277 yards, hitting James White for a 20-yard score that was the first touchdown of the running back's career. White added a 6-yard run in the third quarter to give New England (10-0) the lead for good.

Brady even took a dig at the Buffalo coach, lining up under center in the first quarter and shouting "Rex Ryan! Rex Ryan!" Asked if there was a message in it, Brady struggled to suppress a smile.

"We have a lot of unusual terms," Brady said. "I think we run the gamut. So we've got to get creative and think of different things. That one is pretty unique."

Ryan was less troubled about any personal slight than losing to his longtime nemesis for the 11th time in 15 games.

"He likes me, I know that," the coach said.

The game was filled with mistakes, penalties, injuries and turnovers — including two fumbles on a single punt, a rare missed field goal by New England's Stephen Gostkowski and an inadvertent whistle that led to one of

many lengthy conferences among the officials.

"That's one of the craziest I've ever seen," said LeSean McCoy, who ran 20 times for 82 yards and a 27-yard touchdown and caught six passes for 41 yards to surpass 100 yards from scrimmage for the fourth straight game. And the game ended on another apparent refereeing blunder, with Sammy Watkins crawling out of bounds untouched near midfield but the official inexplicably signaling for the clock to run.

New England remained unbeaten despite losing another key player: Danny Amendola, who took over as the Patriots' No. 1 receiver because of last week's injury to Julian Edelman, caught nine passes for 117 yards before leaving with a knee injury of his own in the third quarter.

"We were down to two healthy receivers," Brady said. "You get pretty limited in things you can do pretty quickly."

The Patriots lead the AFC East by five games with six to play.

"At the end of the day, they find ways to win," Ryan said. "That's what championship teams do. We're not at that level, but I promise you we'll get there."

Tyrod Taylor was 20 for 36 for 233 yards for the Bills (5-5), who snapped a two-game winning streak and lost to Brady for the 25th time in 28 games; Ryan was 4-9 against New England as the New York Jets coach before getting swept in his first season in Buffalo.

With the wind chill temperature at 21 degrees at kickoff, both teams struggled on offense. Stephon Gilmore picked Brady off — just the fourth interception of the year for the reigning Super Bowl MVP; another interception was negated by offsetting penalties.

The Patriots even failed to score in the fourth — the first time they were shut out in a quarter since the first one of the season. In the third, both teams fumbled on the same punt.

Leodis McKelvin fielded a punt at his own but coughed up the ball 2 yards later. New England's Jonathan Freney picked it and rumbled 5 yards before he lost the ball and it bounced out of bounds.

The Patriots took over at the Buffalo 30 and took a 20-10 lead on Gostkowski's 35-yard field goal. Even the referees were sloppy.

Early in the third, Brady rolled toward the right sideline before throwing downfield to Amendola. As the receiver broke for the end zone, the play was whistled dead — apparently because the official thought Brady stepped out of bounds. After a long discussion, the referee announced that there was an inadvertent whistle. The 14-yard reception counted, with a 15-yard penalty for interference from the Bills coaching staff.

The drive ended with an even more unusual error: Gostkowski's first miss in 51 weeks.

The Patriots managed



Buffalo Bills safetyLeodis McKelvin, back, tackles New England Patriots wide receiver Danny Amendola (80) after a catch in the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass.
Associated Press

just a field goal in the first, then went scoreless for 22 minutes, 16 seconds before Brady led a 33-second touchdown drive to make it 10-3 with 13 seconds left in the half. Brady threw an out pass to White, who broke a tackle along the sideline to score from 20 yards out.

That prolonged New England's scoring streak, but it came to an end at 38 in

a row when the Bills shut them out in the fourth. And another streak was snapped, too.

Gostkowski hadn't missed a kick all season, a total of 22 field goals and 35 extra points before his attempt from 54 yards out in the third quarter sailed wide right. It was his first miss since Nov. 30, 2014, and his first miss at home since Week 2 of the 2013 season. □

Festival Figure

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Already in October the Christmas shows in the stores were set up to entice you to buy all the ornaments to decorate your home and business. Decorations and figures of a fat, red Santa are available, promising to put anyone in the Holiday Spirits. Medically, when I take a look at the store Santa figure, with his large rotund belly and red face that sports a bulbous nose I see many signs of heart attack candidate. Not that Santa Claus could have heart problems, not allowed.

As cute as round Santa seems to be, most people want to enter the Holiday Season looking fit and trim. In the next two months many people, especially women, are going to pay good money to join commercial weight loss programs in hopes of dropping a size or two. Unfortunately, people tend to regain the weight they lost following a program because once it's finished, they return to their normal eating habits. Furthermore, the body is always trying to fend off what it perceives to be starvation, and losing weight triggers hormone changes that make it difficult to keep shedding pounds. In the last eleven years in our grass-roots clinic we have seen all kinds of lose weight schemes. This year I have listed all the erroneous beliefs that I have heard from our patients.

1. "Lose 30 pounds in 30 days." Any commercial weight loss programs or any other gimmick that pledges massive weight loss quickly is certainly not healthy, and not true. Permanent weight loss requires lifestyle change, not a quick fix. Loosing weight very fast usually means dehydrating your body and loosing muscle.

2. Lose weight by not eating. Without question the worse way to try to loose weight. Starving deprives the body of the nutrients it needs for life and can lead to serious illness. Plus you lose muscle mass, not fat. Even if you do lose pounds, you gain them back almost immediately when you start eating again.

3. Carbohydrates are bad for you. First it was fat, now carbohydrates are the bad guy. Insulin, stimulated by the excess simple carbohydrates in our overabundant consumption of grains, starches and sweets, together with sedentary lifestyles is responsible for all those bulging stomachs, fat thighs and chins. However there are healthy complex carbohydrates, such as vegetables, whole brown rice and quinoa, which provide vital vitamins, and fiber to aid digestion.

4. Fat is bad for you. Your brain is eighty percent fat; not fat you want to loose. Some fats like trans-fats found in processed foods and sweets are unhealthy,

but many called essential fatty acids are good and necessary for your health. Your body is not going to be able to make your hormones without these fats.

5. Drinking Diet sodas help you loose weight. There's not one study that shows diet sodas help you lose weight. Meanwhile while you are drinking your liquid candy you are consuming chemicals that have shown to cause cancer.

6. Salad bars are healthy.



Lunch meats with chemical salts, cheeses, oily dressings are not healthy choices. You have to choose foods at a salad bar wisely to loose weight. Meanwhile, "Iceberg" lettuce has absolutely no nutritional value.

7. Don't eat after 6 p.m. Europeans eat at 10 o'clock at night and they're half the size of Americans and Arubans. It is not what time you eat, it's what you eat and staying active for at least three hours after you eat. The worse eating habit here in Aruba after a night of drinking is to eat a late snack at a food truck and then home to bed.

8. Check your weight on

a scale daily to check your progress. Checking your weight on a regular basis is an obvious way to gauge your progress and alter your diet accordingly; however, that scale tells you very little. I encourage patients to keep track of hip, thigh and stomach tummy centimeters and dress sizes that are much more enlightening.

9. To lose weight take a pill or have an operation to have your stomach made smaller. Wow, your insurance company may even pay some of these. You cannot replace healthy eating, exercise and lifestyle choices with a pill or operation. Drugs are not new, they have been tried for many years and both drugs and operations can be dangerous and have horrible side effects. A better choice includes natural dietary supplements which

can safely balance nutritional deficiencies, aid in managing unhealthy eating, support restful sleep and increase energy.

10. You have to join the gym. Actually, 30 to 60 minutes per day of moderate physical activity is all it takes to balance healthy food intake. It does not have to be strenuous exercise, just move your body by gardening, walking, swimming, SCUBA diving, flying, dancing or having sex; just get off the couch. Get The Point! That majority of Americans and Arubans are overweight, and an alarming number are clinically obese. In countries addicted to convenient

processed foods this obesity is no coincidence. It is not the fat in the foods we eat but, far more, the excess simple carbohydrates from our starch and sugar loaded diets. These nutritionally deficient diets not only contribute to increased weight but lead to a whole host of health problems. Want to enter the Holiday Season being fit and trim? That belly might look cute on Santa, but on you it is a major health risk. Call to make an appointment for a professional, safe, sensible weight loss program.

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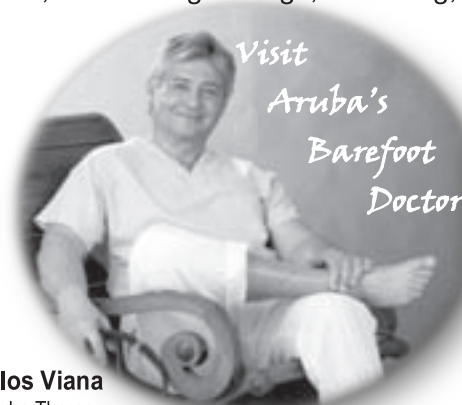
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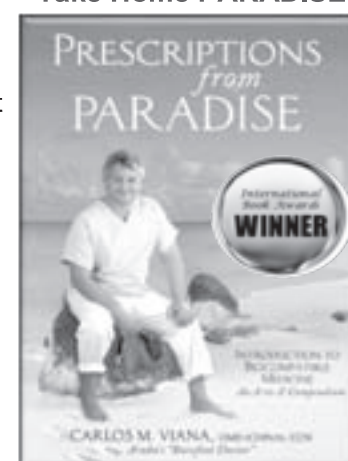
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U.S. officials signal move toward embracing self-driving cars

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD
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LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Federal transportation officials are rethinking their position on self-driving cars with an eye toward getting the emerging technology into the public's hands. Just two years ago, the U.S. Department of Transportation struck a cautious tone. Its official policy statement, published in May 2013, says cars should be limited to testing and not "authorized for use by members of the public for general driving purposes."

With the technology's rapid development, that federal policy is being updated, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said Tuesday.

"I want the posture of our agency to be obviously vigilant on the safety front, but I don't want our agency to be skittish about innovations that are out there," Foxx said.

It's unclear what the new policy will be, but Foxx clearly signaled that the technology intrigues him. He told reporters that he hoped the update overseen by his department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would be ready in "weeks, not months."

For several years, Google and a handful of automakers including Tesla Motors, Nissan and Honda have been testing prototypes equipped with a suite of sensors and cameras on public streets and highways, mostly in California.



In this May 13, 2015, file photo, riders enter the Google's new self-driving prototype car for a ride during a demonstration at Google campus, in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

Those cars must have someone behind the wheel, ready to take over. Some have gotten into collisions, though in each case the companies say a person in another car caused the accident.

Google has advocated getting self-driving cars into the public domain as quickly as possible once the tech titan concludes the technology is safe.

While states have taken the lead on regulating self-driving cars, policy-makers in Washington hold indirect sway over states' decision-making. California's Department of Motor Vehicles in particular has sought federal guidance as it struggles with how to move the cars safely from small-scale road tests to broader adoption.

Language that the federal government is revisiting specifies that in states where the public can get access to the cars, a licensed driver should be

behind the wheel.

Google sees that as unnecessary. It has argued that once cars can drive as safely as humans, it would be better to remove the steering wheel and pedals so that people don't mess up the ride.

A Google spokesman had no comment on word of the federal review.

The California State Transportation Agency has interpreted the 2013 federal guidance as urging caution. The federal update "reaffirms that the topic is evolving and one worthy of continued discussion and public input," spokeswoman Melissa Figueroa said.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is working to publish draft regulations by year's end, Figueroa said. The draft was due last Jan. 1, but concerns such as proving that the technology is safe have held up those rules.

The nonprofit group Consumer Watchdog has been advocating restraint.

"The California DMV correctly is focused on getting the regulations correct, rather than rushing them out the door," John Simpson of Consumer Watchdog said in a written state-

ment Tuesday. Federal authorities must "not succumb to corporate pressure to move so fast that our safety on the highways is compromised." □

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Wall Street recovers from slump; oil jumps

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks overcame an early stumble Tuesday and finished modestly higher as investors shook off concerns about heightened tensions in the Middle East and a drop in consumer confidence. The price of oil spiked after Turkey shot down a Russian fighter plane that Turkey said had violated its air-

consumer confidence in the U.S. sank this month as Americans worried about the state of the job market. The Conference Board said consumer confidence fell to its lowest level in a year. That was a surprise after a month of strong job gains in October. Consumer discretionary stocks including Netflix and Amazon slipped following the report. Jeremy Zirin, chief equity

or 1.8 percent, to \$1.40 a gallon. Natural gas missed out on the rally and lost 1 cent to \$2.20 per 1,000 cubic feet. Energy stocks rose 2.1 percent, by far the largest gain in the S&P 500 index. Exxon Mobil rose \$1.60, or 2 percent, to \$81.88 and Chevron gained \$1.34, or 1.5 percent, to \$81.35. The rising price of oil was one of several pieces of



Scripps Networks Chairman, CEO & President Ken Lowe, left, joins the applause as Food Network host Alton Brown, center, rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. At right is Garvis Toler, Global Head of Capital Markets for the NYSE.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

space and ignored warnings. Energy stocks including Exxon Mobil and Chevron moved higher along with the price of oil. Travel-related stocks including airlines, cruise operators and booking sites like Expedia slumped.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 19.51 points, or 0.1 percent, to 17,812.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 2.55 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,089.14. The Nasdaq composite index inched up 0.33 points to 5,102.81.

The downing of the Russian plane added a new layer of complexity to the crisis in Syria. Russia denied that its jets had violated Turkish airspace, said it had been betrayed by Turkey, and warned of severe consequences. NATO worked to reduce tensions at an extraordinary meeting.

Domestically, a business research group said

strategist at UBS Wealth Management Research, said the confidence report was a surprise because there are a lot of reasons for consumers to feel good right now. Employers are hiring and Americans have more money to spend because inflation and gas prices are low. There's also evidence wages are increasing. "It's hard to explain," he said. Zirin said he thinks consumer confidence will improve in December. Crude oil rose \$1.12, or 2.7 percent, to \$42.87 a barrel in New York. That followed a 3.4-percent jump on Monday. Before that, the price of U.S. crude had fallen to its lowest level since August. Brent crude rose \$1.29, or 2.9 percent, to \$46.12 a barrel in London. In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline climbed 7.7 cents, or 5.8 percent, to \$1.39 a gallon. Heating oil rose 2.5 cents,

bad news for travel stocks like booking sites and airlines. Higher oil prices mean increased fuel costs, and they would also leave consumers with less money for travel. The sector was also battered by a global travel warning from the State Department and the drop in consumer confidence, which suggests that Americans might become nervous about spending money on vacations.

The State Department advised travelers that groups including the Islamic State, al Qaeda and Boko Haram continue to plan terrorist attacks, and Americans should be particularly alert around the holidays. Cowen & Co. analyst Helane Becker said bookings might slump after that warning, but if there's a dip, it probably won't long.

"There's usually a decline in bookings in the short term," she said. □

U.S. economy grew at revised 2.1% rate in the third quarter

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a slightly faster rate in the summer than previously reported, mainly because businesses restocked their goods at a stronger pace than first thought.

The overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew at an annual rate of 2.1 percent in the July-September period, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. It previously estimated growth of 1.5 percent.

Even with the revision, economic growth slowed sharply from a 3.9 percent gain in the second quarter. The economy then was rebounding from a harsh winter that had sapped first quarter growth to a barely discernible 0.6 percent pace.

The latest numbers, however, should give the Federal Reserve confidence as it considers an interest rate hike at its next meeting in December. A healthy labor market and falling gas prices are expected to fuel consumer spending, pushing GDP growth in the current quarter to 2.5 percent or better, economists forecast.

"Domestic demand in the U.S. economy remains very solid, something that will surely give comfort to the Fed as it ponders its next move," said Robert Kavcic, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

A slowdown in stockpiling trimmed growth by 0.6 percentage point in the third quarter. But that was an improvement from the government's first estimate a month ago that reduced inventory stockpiling had cut growth by 1.4 percentage points. The government will make one final estimate of GDP in the summer next month.

While the revision in inventories helped third quarter growth, this improvement was offset somewhat by slightly slower growth in consumer spending, which grew at a 3 percent annual rate in the summer. The revision reflected in part weaker spending on cellphones than initially estimated.

The trade deficit was a bigger drag than initially estimated, trimming growth by 0.2 percentage point, as exports grew by just 0.9 percent in the quarter, down from a 1.9 percent initial estimate. American exports have been held back this year by weakness overseas and a rising value of the dollar, which make U.S. goods less competitive on foreign markets.

Business investment slowed to 3.4 percent growth rate in the third quarter, down from 5.2 percent in the second quarter as the category that covers oil and gas exploration plunged at an annual rate of 47.1 percent. This sector has been hurt by the sharp fall in energy prices which has triggered big cutbacks at energy companies.

Residential investment grew at a 7.3 percent rate in the third quarter, down slightly from the 9.2 percent second quarter gain. Government spending grew at a 1.7 percent rate as strength in state and local spending offset a big drop in defense spending.

While overall GDP growth is expected to accelerate slightly to around 2.5 percent for the year, economists are forecasting that 2015 will be another year of only modest economic growth.

The expectation of stronger consumer spending in the fourth quarter reflects the solid job gains year. The government reported that employers created 271,000 jobs in October, and the unemployment rate fell to a seven-year low of 5 percent.

That strong jobs performance has raised expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates at its next meeting on Dec. 15-16. It has kept its benchmark rate at a record low near zero for seven years. □

Strong dollar pressures Tiffany & Co. in 3rd quarter

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiffany's fiscal third-quarter results missed analysts' estimates, hampered by a strong dollar and uncertain economic conditions. The luxury jeweler also lowered its full-year earnings guidance. CEO Frederic Cumenal said in a statement that the strong dollar pressured its results when having to translate foreign sales into U.S. dollars and on foreign tourist spending in the U.S. He also said that uncertain economic and market conditions in the U.S. and other regions are impacting consumer spending. Tiffany earned \$91 million, or 70 cents per share, for the period ended Oct. 31. A year earlier the New

York-based company earned \$38.3 million, or 29 cents per share. Excluding a charge, the prior-year's results were 76 cents per share.

The current quarter's performance missed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 12 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 74 cents per share.

Revenue totaled \$938.2 million. This was short of the \$972 million that Zacks was looking for.

Sales at stores open at least a year edged up 1 percent as growth in Japan, Europe and Asia-Pacific was partly offset by lower sales in the Americas. □



This photo shows Tiffany & Co. gift boxes displayed in Boston. Tiffany & Co. reported quarterly earnings Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

Regulators move on monitoring high-speed traders

NEW YORK (AP) — Regulators are proposing new procedures to monitor high-speed trading more closely in response to wild market swings brought on by a series of technical breakdowns.

More than 70 percent of all trading today is automated, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission said Tuesday as it voted unanimously in favor of new reg-

istration standards for high-speed traders.

The systems use algorithms to spot variances in market data, allowing trading firms to deliver buy and sell orders in milliseconds.

That technology has led to a number of high-profile glitches, including one this summer that shut down the New York Stock Exchange for almost half a day.

The CFTC proposals would

require some traders to register with the commission, specifically those "engaged in algorithmic trading through direct electronic access" to major U.S. markets. The new rules are meant to foster greater transparency and they are open for a 90-day public comment period.

They also call for tools to prevent "self-trading," when one firm takes both

sides of a trade.

Key elements of the proposal involve market participants, including merchants, setting up risk controls for the trading orders. They must also submit compliance reports describing those controls.

CFTC commissioner Timothy Massad said the proposal "provides some common-sense risk controls" that also embrace

the benefits of automated trading. In a statement, he said the goal is to have risk controls at multiple levels, from the exchange itself, to clearing members and trading firms.

The approach comes one year after high-speed trading firm Athena Capital Research agreed to pay a \$1 million penalty to settle allegations of market manipulation. □

Pinnacle buying Boulder Brands for about \$710 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Pinnacle Foods is buying Boulder Brands for about \$710 million in a move that adds a line of health and wellness food brands to Pinnacle's offerings that include Birds Eye frozen foods, Duncan Hines frosting and cake mixes.

The deal announced Tuesday comes as food producers try to meet changing consumer tastes, which trend toward healthier offerings. In a statement, the companies said that Boulder's customer base "skews younger" than Pinnacle's.

Boulder Brands Inc., based in Boulder, Colorado, makes Smart Balance as well as brands including Udi's, Glutino gluten-free products. Its annual net sales topped \$500 million in

2014, the companies said. Under the deal, Parsippany, New Jersey-based Pinnacle will pay \$11 per share, a 9.2 percent premium to Boulder Brands' closing price on Tuesday. Pinnacle will assume about \$265 million in debt as part of the deal.

The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of 2016.

Pinnacle Foods Inc. CEO Bob Gamgort said his company plans to "retain" Boulder Brands' existing headquarters location. The buyout also gives Pinnacle a new growth platform for refrigerated foods.

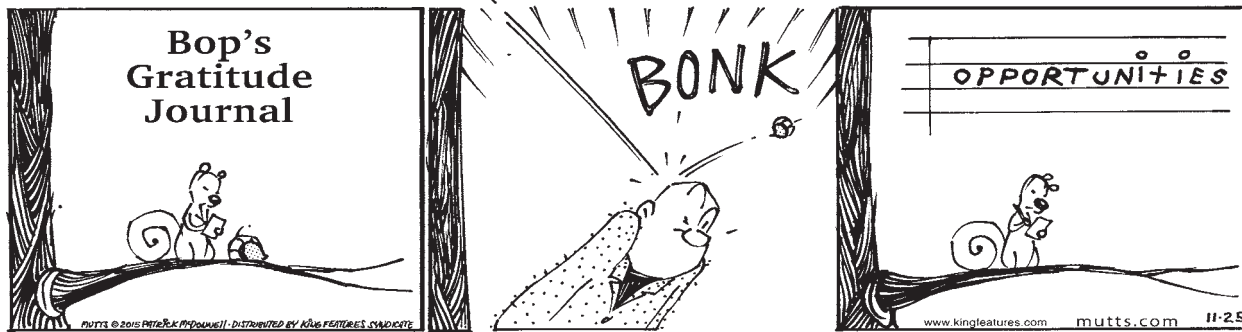
In midday trading Tuesday, Pinnacle Foods Inc. shares fell \$1.28, or 3 percent, to \$41.92. Its shares are up almost 18 percent so far this year. □



Bottles of Mrs. Butterworth's Original Syrup are displayed in a store, in Princeton, N.J. Pinnacle Foods announced Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015, it is buying Boulder Brands for about \$710 million in a move that adds a line of health and wellness food brands to Pinnacle's offerings that include Mrs. Butterworth's, Birds Eye frozen foods, Duncan Hines frosting and cake mixes.

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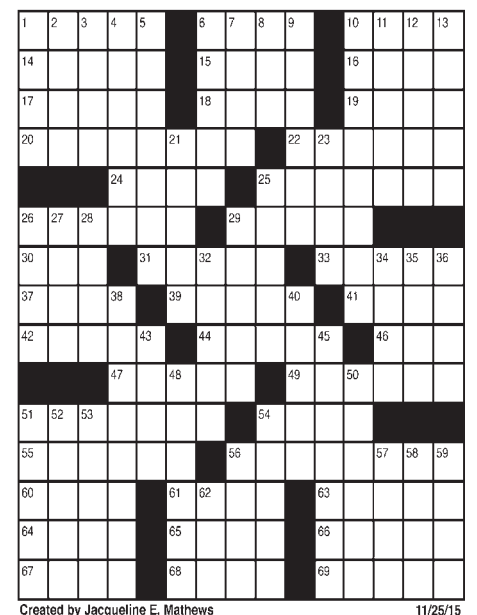
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

5	7	3	2	8	4	6	1	9
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ACROSS

- 1 Residences
 - 6 Junk email
 - 10 ___ around; look for a good buy
 - 14 Travel ___; hired trip planner
 - 15 Theater award
 - 16 Combine
 - 17 Refrain start
 - 18 Bump ___; meet unexpectedly
 - 19 Greek liqueur
 - 20 Rubio and McConnell, e.g.
 - 22 At the ready
 - 24 Tea containers
 - 25 Totally innocent
 - 26 Boulevard
 - 29 NASA's realm
 - 30 Classic gift for Father's Day
 - 31 Tailor, for one
 - 33 Build
 - 37 To boot
 - 39 Valleys
 - 41 Shoe part
 - 42 Outfit
 - 44 Sparkle
 - 46 Convent dweller
 - 47 Endeavors
 - 49 ___ hound; tracking dog
 - 51 Forgives
 - 54 No longer here
 - 55 Small sailboats
 - 56 Get knots out of a necklace
 - 60 Toy that goes up and down
 - 61 "___ boy!"; new parents' cry
 - 63 Like melted caramels
 - 64 Scorch
 - 65 Count calories
 - 66 Uneven
 - 67 Holbrook and Linden
 - 68 Make ___ meet; eke out a living
 - 69 Log floats
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 - 2 Intend
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 43 ___ up; support from beneath
- 45 Supervisor
- 48 Turn ___ out; invert
- 50 Hombre's wife
- 51 ___ oneself up; prepare mentally
- 52 Maui farewell
- 53 Fit for a king
- 54 Pesky insects
- 56 Like hand-me-downs
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- 58 In case
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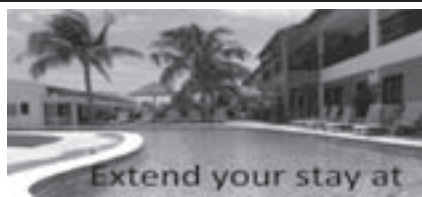
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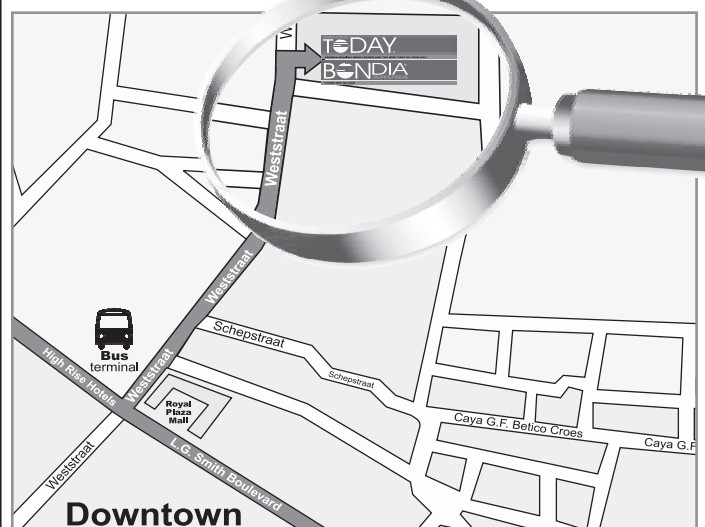
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Better batteries to beat global warming: A race against time

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the key technologies that could help wean the globe off fossil fuel is probably at your fingertips or in your pocket right now: the battery.

If batteries can get better, cheaper and store more power safely, then electric cars and solar- or wind- powered homes become more viable — even on cloudy days or when the wind isn't blowing. These types of technological solutions will be one of the more hopeful aspects of United Nations climate talks that begin next week in Paris.

"If you are serious about eliminating combustion of fossil fuels to power anything — a house, a city, a state — you can't do it without (energy) storage," which usually means batteries, said Carnegie Mellon University battery expert and inventor Jay Whitacre. Former Vice President Al Gore, former U.S. Geological Survey chief (and current editor-in-chief of the journal *Science*) Marcia McNutt and others point to better batteries as one of the bright spots in the fight against climate change. While batteries have been around for more than 200 years, this year the technology has amped up.

In October, an international team of scientists announced a breakthrough in overcoming major obstacles in next generation en-



In this Feb. 1, 2013 file photo, President Barack Obama awards the National Medal of Science to Dr. John Goodenough of the University of Texas, who invented the lithium ion battery we use in our phones and laptops, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

ergy storage and creating a battery that has five to 10 times the energy density of the best batteries on the market now. In September, Whitacre won a \$500,000 invention prize for his eco-friendly water-oriented battery. And in April, Elon Musk announced plans for his Tesla Motors to sell high-tech batteries for homes with solar panels to store electricity for night time and cloudy day use, weaning the homes off dirtier power from the burning of coal, oil and gas.

"The pace of innovation does seem to be accelerating," said JB Straubel, chief technical officer and co-founder of Tesla with Musk. "We're kind of right

at the tipping point where the current performance and lifetime of batteries roughly equal that of fossil fuels. If you are able to double that, the prospects are huge." At its massive Nevada Gigafactory, Tesla has started producing powerwalls to store energy in homes. They can't make them fast enough for customers worldwide.

In November, a Texas utility announced it was giving wind-generated electricity free to customers at night because it couldn't be stored. That's where Tesla hopes to come in — not just in cars, but in homes. Within 10 years, Straubel figures it will be considerably cheaper (and cleaner) to

get energy through wind and solar power and store it with batteries than to use coal, oil or gas.

"What has changed is the Gigafactory," said Venkat Srinivasan, deputy director of the Joint Center for Energy Storage Research at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. "Two years ago I didn't think anyone would have thought you'd invest \$5 billion in a big (battery) factory."

Tesla is using existing technology, just mass producing and marketing it. That's one of two key changes in the field. The other is work to make the battery itself much more efficient.

Start with that lithium ion battery in your pocket. It was invented by John Goodenough, a professor at the University of Texas. His next task is a safer battery that uses sodium, a more plentiful element that can produce a faster charge.

"Now I hope to help free yourself from your dependence on fossil fuels," he

said on the same October day he was awarded part of a \$1 million innovation-in-alternative-fuels prize from Israel.

"I believe in the next year there will be a breakthrough," he said. "I'm hopeful, but we're not there yet."

Glenn Amatucci, director of the energy storage research group at Rutgers University, called it "a race against time. Every day and every hour is critical in terms of getting an advance."

But Goodenough is in a special hurry, working more than eight hours a day on his battery: He's 93.

There are many teams around the world working on breakthrough batteries of different types. One of the most promising materials is lithium oxygen, which theoretically could store five to 10 times the energy of a lithium ion battery, but there have been all sorts of roadblocks that made it very inefficient. Then, last month a team led by Clare Grey at the University of Cambridge announced in the journal *Science* that they had, on a small scale, overcome one obstacle so that its efficiency could compete with lithium ion batteries.

The potential gains in this technology are high, but it is still at least seven to 10 years from commercial availability, Grey said.

At Carnegie Mellon and Aquion Energy, Whitacre is honing a water-oriented battery with sodium and carbon. Others are looking at magnesium.

Tesla's Straubel sees all sorts of different battery possibilities.

"It's an ongoing revolution," Straubel said. "It's a critical piece in the whole puzzle in how we stop burning fossil fuels completely." □

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Obama honoring Streisand, Spielberg, Sondheim and more

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is recognizing 17 Americans with the highest U.S. civilian award Tuesday, including giants of the entertainment industry such as Barbra Streisand and Steven Spielberg, baseball legends Willie Mays and Yogi Berra, and politicians, activists and government innovators.

In addition to filmmaker Spielberg and singer and Oscar-winner Streisand, Obama will present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to musicians Gloria and Emilio Estefan, singer James Taylor, composer Stephen Sondheim and violinist Itzhak Perlman.

Among the posthumous recipients was and Japanese-America civil rights leader Minoru Yasui, who challenged the constitutionality of a military curfew order during World War II on the grounds

of racial discrimination and spent months in solitary confinement during the legal battle.

Mays was among the first African-American players in Major League Baseball. Berra, who died in September, was a Yankee great at catcher, an 18-time All-Star and 10-time World Series champion.

The politicians getting the honor are Democrats: Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, who has championed equal pay and women's health during her 44 years of public service; former Rep. Lee Hamilton from Indiana, a longtime advocate of American national security and international relations; and the late Rep. Shirley Chisholm from New York. Chisholm was the first African-American woman elected to Congress and a founding member of what would become the Congressional Black Caucus. □



President Barack Obama presents the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Barbra Streisand during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015, in Washington. Associated Press

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New Rocky story 'Creed' balances brutality and theatricality

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone knows most of Rocky Balboa's famous fights would have been stopped by a real-life referee long before the battered and bloodied fictional heavyweight champion rallies his will to win. Stallone also realizes many people who only know

boxing from his "Rocky" saga might believe his beloved sport really looks like a Rocky movie all the time. That's why Stallone has always insisted that the "Rocky" films acknowledge the heavy cost of boxing, even amid the cathartic ring victories that have turned the character into an icon. "I do feel responsible, be-

cause I see the brain damage," Stallone said in a recent interview. "I see the harm. No one walks away unscathed." The "Rocky" series continues this week with the release of "Creed," writer-director Ryan Coogler's reimagining of Rocky as a reluctant trainer for his oldest rival's son, Adonis Creed. Coogler and Stallone



This photo provided by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Michael B. Jordan, right, as Adonis Johnson and Sylvester Stallone as Rocky Balboa in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures', Warner Bros. Pictures' and New Line Cinema's drama "Creed," a Warner Bros. Pictures release. **Associated Press**



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maintained the Rocky series' delicate balance between depictions of hyper-stylized, brutal fighting and that acknowledgement of the dangers and damage inherent in boxing.

"I have this conversation with my wife," Stallone said. "(She'll say) 'This is so brutal. How can you condone it?' Well, a lot of these men, they don't sing, they don't dance. They're not intellectuals. This is what they do, and when it's done properly, it's the most incredible, graceful, beautiful, violent ballet. It's something that's just in certain men." Early in "Creed," Rocky tries to talk Adonis (Michael B. Jordan) out of fighting at all. An illegitimate son rescued from foster care by Creed's wife (Phylicia Rashad), Adonis gives up a steady white-collar job and a well-to-do lifestyle in Los Angeles to train in hardscrabble Philadelphia. "You want brain damage?" Rocky asks Creed. "You're better than this." The "Rocky" saga's balance between boxing reality and cinematic showmanship was a challenge eagerly accepted by the 29-year-old Coogler, who pursued Stallone for a year to get the chance. Coogler's first film, 2013's "Fruitvale Sta-

tion," brimmed with slice-of-life realism and delicate touches. Coogler shows impressive versatility in his move to a big-name action franchise, but says he kept in mind the humble persona in which Stallone's sometimes super-human Rocky was always grounded. "Something we always talked about is that (Creed) has to earn his way," Coogler said. "This dude doesn't want to be handed something. He wants to go out and get it. So we knew there was going to be a bunch of fights in this movie, and each one has to feel different. Each one has to tell the story of what that fight is, and therefore dictate the style." Jordan had his own appreciation of Stallone's view of boxing after a year of training to look like a light heavyweight contender. He filmed with real boxers including Andre Ward, Tony Bellew and Gabriel Rosado, getting hit with his share of accidental punches amid the cinematic choreography. "Honestly, what these boxers go through mentally and physically, man, it's ridiculous," Jordan said. "As boxers, your hands are wrapped up most of the time. You can't do anything yourself. □



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